

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM BHUBANESWAR TO SOUTH EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a):- whether there is any demand to convert the Bhubaneswar airport into an international airport and also introduce direct flights from Bhubaneswar to South East Asian Countries;

(b):- if so, the details thereof;and

(c):- the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a), (b) & (c) The State Government of Orissa has requested to declare Bhubaneswar airport as an International airport. Further, under the policy initiative to liberalise air services with ASEAN countries, their designated airlines have been offered unlimited access to 18 tourist destinations in the country including Bhubaneswar. However, there is no request from any national or foreign airline to introduce direct international flights from Bhubaneswar airport at present. Therefore, there is no proposal to declare Bhubaneswar airport as an International airport, at present.